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In re patent application of

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For: TRANSACTION COORDINATING DEVICE, SYSTEM,
METHODS, INFORMATION RECORDING MEDIUM AND
PROGRAM PRODUCTS

Assistant Commissioner of Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Prior to examination on the merits and calculation of the filing fee, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:**Please amend the claims as follows:**

7. (Amended) A transaction coordinating system comprising the transaction coordinating device as claimed in claim 1 and a terminal of a participant of said spot transaction connected to said transaction coordinating device via a communications circuit, wherein said spot transaction is conducted between said terminal operated by the participant of said spot transaction and said transaction coordinating device.

Please add claims 23-27 as follows:

- - 23. (New) A transaction coordinating system comprising the transaction coordinating device as claimed in claim 2 and a terminal of a participant of said spot transaction connected to said transaction coordinating device via a communications circuit, wherein said spot transaction is conducted between said terminal operated by the participant of said spot transaction and said transaction coordinating device.

24. (New) A transaction coordinating system comprising the transaction coordinating device as claimed in claim 3 and a terminal of a participant of said spot transaction connected to said transaction coordinating device via a communications circuit, wherein said spot transaction is conducted between said terminal operated by the participant of said spot transaction and said transaction coordinating device.

25. (New) A transaction coordinating system comprising the transaction coordinating device as claimed in claim 4 and a terminal of a participant of said spot transaction connected to said transaction coordinating device via a communications circuit, wherein said spot transaction is conducted between said terminal operated by the participant of said spot transaction and said transaction coordinating device.

26. (New) A transaction coordinating system comprising the transaction coordinating device as claimed in claim 5 and a terminal of a participant of said spot transaction connected to said transaction coordinating device via a communications circuit, wherein said spot transaction is conducted between said terminal operated by the participant of said spot transaction and said transaction coordinating device.

27. (New) A transaction coordinating system comprising the transaction coordinating device as claimed in claim 6 and a terminal of a participant of said spot transaction connected to said transaction coordinating device via a communications circuit, wherein said spot transaction is conducted between said terminal operated by the participant of said spot transaction and said transaction coordinating device. - -

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REMARKS

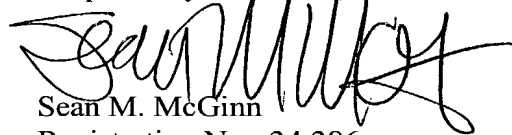
Claim 7 has been amended to delete multiple-dependency, and claims 23-27 have been added accordingly.

Attached hereto is a marked-up version of the changes made to the claims by the current Amendment. The attached pages are captioned "**Version with Markings to Show Changes Made**".

Early, favorable prosecution on the merits is respectfully requested.

Please charge any deficiencies in fees and credit any overpayment of fees to Attorney's Deposit Account No. 50-0481.

Respectfully submitted,



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VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES

7. (Amended) A transaction coordinating system comprising the transaction coordinating device as claimed in [at least one of claims 1 through 6] claim 1 and a terminal of a participant of said spot transaction connected to said transaction coordinating device via a communications circuit, wherein said spot transaction is conducted between said terminal operated by the participant of said spot transaction and said transaction coordinating device.